

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR WIDTH OF ROADS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government had issued guidelines fixing the minimum width of roads between specific high rises in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various State Governments have requested the Union Government to review their guidelines in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government to the requests of the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) This Ministry had issued Office Memorandum (OM) dated February 7, 2012 regarding Guidelines for High Rise Buildings based on the recommendation of the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC). As per these guidelines, interalia the height of the proposed building should be linked with the width of the road on which the proposed building is to be located and also the distance of Fire Station from the building.

(c) & (d) Ministry has received representations from the State Governments/other stake holders in this regard. Ministry is of the view that the OM would facilitate proper planning in addressing the disaster management issues including emergency and evacuation requirements for high rise buildings.